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ROYAL DUKE VISITS OLD AND YOUNG SOLDIERS YESTERDAY.



The Duke of Connaught inspecting Army veterans at Chelsea Hospital yesterday. His Royal Highness found something to say to each of the old men to their infinite delight as he passed down the line.



Arrival of the Duke of Connaught at the Duke of York's Military School at Chelsea yesterday. There was an inspection, followed by military evolutions and gymnastic exercises executed with a smartness which won warm commendation from his Royal Highness.



An excellent snapshot of the Duke of Connaught taken during the inspection of the boys of the Duke of York's School. The Duke was engaged at the moment in an animated conversation with a small bugler-boy in attendance at the saluting-point. The photograph gives evidence of his interest and amusement.

THEATRES AND MUSIC-HALLS.

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Every Evening at 8.30 F. R. Benson and his Shakespearian Company in *THE PRINCE OF ETHIOPIA*.
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TO-DAY at 8.30, and TO-NIGHT at 8.30.
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NORWEGIAN FOLK SONGS AND DANCES.
55th PERFORMANCE TO-NIGHT.
MATINEE EVERY WEDNESDAY and SATURDAY 2.30.

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and Miss SIMONE LE BARGY.
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COLISEUM.—CHARING CROSS.
PROGRAMME AT 12 O'CLOCK AND 8 P.M.
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(DR. BARNARDO'S HOMES).
Dr. Barnardo and his Council cordially invite all Friends of Little Children to give the pleasure of their company on FOUNDERS' DAY, to be held (O.V.) 15, 1905.

NEXT SATURDAY, JULY 15, 1905.
At the
GIRLS' VILLAGE HOMES, BARKING, ESSEX.
Open from 10.45 a.m. to 8 p.m.
LORD BRASSEY will preside over the Meeting at 2.30 p.m. and will be supported by the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Barking, D.D.; the Duchess of Somerset; Sir Robert Anderson, K.C.B.; Rev. F. Moore, M.A.; Theodore Howard, Esq.; Colonel Martin Brodribb, J.P.; Harry Bruce Nichol, Esq.; Rev. F. B. Meyer, B.A.; Rev. Prebendary Barker, M.A.; William McCall, Esq.; Dr. Harry Guinness; Howard Williams, Esq.; Rev. J. A. Palmer (of Stratford); and Dr. Barnardo.

LORD AND LADY BRASSEY
will Declare Three New Buildings Open for the use of the Children, and LADY BRASSEY will present Prizes to some of the Older Girls now in service and Awards to Members of the Young Helpers' Society.
The varied engagements of the day will be begun by a SERVICE OF PRAISE in the Children's Church at 11 a.m. During the afternoon Mr. Howard Williams will be by the Foundation Stones of the Synagogue and Members of Council will lay the Foundation Stones of Six New Cottages. Twenty Workshops will be in full swing all day, and the Village Green will be in full swing all day, and will be Musical Drills by Boys and Girls; a Maypole on the Village Green; and Games by Boys.
The Boys' Band will play. A Special Squad of Little Hands Men will be present on the Watt's New Training School, and will give an Exhibition of Drills and Animal Songs.
400 Young Emigrants to sail, D.V., in a few days for Canada, will be commended to God's care.

REFRESHMENTS.
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On Saturday, July 15, the following trains from Liverpool are specially recommended:
10 a.m., 10.45 a.m., 11.15 a.m., 11.35 a.m., 12.42 p.m., 1.22 p.m., 1.43 p.m., 4.4 p.m., 4.18 p.m., 4.25 p.m., 4.44 p.m.
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For the Extension and Development of Homoeopathy.
President: THE EARL CAWDORE.

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under distinguished patronage, will be given at HAM HOUSE, Petersham, by kind invitation of the EARL OF DYSSART, on SATURDAY NEXT, JULY 15th.

On SATURDAY NEXT, JULY 15th.
The Band of H.M. COLDSPIRIT GUARDS (by permission of Colonel A. E. Cadogan, C.B., C.V.O.) will play. Musical Shows and Dances in national costumes by D'Amato's Italian Troupe.

The State Rooms in this historic house, with all their treasures, will be open to visitors, and tea, etc., will be served from 4 to 6 o'clock on the lawn.
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Tickets at 10s. 6d. each (three for 25s., or six for £3 2s.) if taken before the day of the fete may be obtained from C. Stewart, Esq., hon. secretary of the Fete Committee, 24, Portland-street, Oxford-street, W. 48, Chancery, E.C. 3, Grand Hotel-buildings, W.C.; 167, New Bond-street, W.; 45, Victoria-street, S.W.; all other branches and the usual agents: Etherington and Sons, Hill-street, Richmond; and Mr. F. King, Secretary of the British Homoeopathic Association, 233, Regent-street, London, W.

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PATHETIC SCENES.

**Wives and Children in Suspense
at the Pit Mouth.**

A terrible colliery catastrophe occurred yesterday at Wattstown, near Porth, in the Rhondda Valley.

By an explosion in one of United Collieries Company's pits, it is believed 144 workmen lost their lives, and others are still entombed. Desperate efforts are being made to rescue the latter.

The terrible event took place at Wattstown, near Porth, not many miles from Aberdare, and although definite figures cannot be given, it is estimated that considerably over one hundred persons have perished. Some calculations put the total at 180, others as low as fifty.

The *Daily Mirror* correspondent at Cardiff wires that it is to be feared that at least 144 persons have perished.

By the evening only three men had been rescued alive, and all hope of rescuing the men remaining in the pit had been abandoned.

THE FEARFUL RUMOUR.

The ill-fated mine is in the heart of a typical Welsh mining district, where coal is abundant and where some of the finest coal is found. It is known as pit number 1, and is the property of the United Collieries Companies.

This is the worst disaster which has occurred in the company's mines, and, indeed, in the district, for many years. The pit where the explosion took place is one from which the Admiralty draws its best naval coal.

It was just a little past noon when the sinister rumour of disaster spread.

No one but those who have lived in a colliery district and have encountered the practical side of the industry can imagine what such a rumour means—how it strikes terror into every little home, and how pale-faced women and crying children hurry to the pithead in a pitiable state of anguish!

Morning after morning the men go forth, never knowing what dangers may befall them, and the women, as a rule, hide their daily anxiety under a calm exterior.

It is in such dark hours as that which fell upon Wattstown yesterday that one can realise what the lot of a pitman's wife is.

Soon the rumour became confirmed, and grief and terror spread like wildfire through the district.

THE DREAD SIGNAL.

The first indication of the disaster was a loud, rumbling noise. Those near the pit knew the dread significance of that signal. A moment later dense clouds of smoke and dust shot up into the sky from the main shaft of the Wattstown Pit, and from all directions the distressed inhabitants rushed to the spot, wringing their hands and beseeching to know the worst.

The officials, splendidly calm, did their best to allay the alarm. Coolly Mr. Meredith, the manager of the pit, decanted, never to return again alive. He was accompanied by Mr. Lane, the mining surveyor. What they found has not yet transpired, but it is known that the explosion was one of extraordinary severity.

Some time the anxious watchers gleaned some news. A small party working in the farthest section of the pit were brought to the surface.

Their appearance created a scene of poignant contrast. The relatives of the rescued miners, poor creatures, forgetting for the moment the stricken ones around, burst into demonstrations of hysterical joy. The others, whose loved ones were not amongst the little band, looked on, sobbing silently or else gazing and waiting with faces drawn with grief.

The force of the explosion had been so great that the pithead machinery was blown away, and great difficulties were experienced in starting the rescue work.

Of volunteers there was no scarcity. From the neighbouring pit, where, curiously enough, the explosion was not heard, about eight

hundred men were immediately brought to the surface, and many of them pressed forward to go to the relief of their entombed comrades. Whilst a cordon of kindly police kept back the throngs of weeping women, the men worked with a will, cleared the pit-head and were soon descending to the work of rescue.

In the meantime ambulance carts and medical appliances were soon upon the scene, and the time of waiting passed with the dreadful slowness of suspense. Finally the signal was given. Three men, living but injured, were brought up, and with them came the news that little hope could be entertained for the recovery alive of the 140 men. It was reported that Mr. Meredith was also dead.

OTHER DISASTERS.

Rhondda Valley has been for years past notorious for its terrible accidents. Appended is a list of the worst disasters on record, in which the deaths exceeded fifty:—

August 26, 1892.—Park's Slips Collieries, near Bridgend, South Wales. 116 deaths.

July 4, 1893.—Combs Colliery, near Dewsbury. 139 deaths.

June 23, 1894.—Albion Colliery, near Pontypridd, South Wales. 286 deaths.

January 14, 1895.—Audley, North Stafford. 77 deaths.

January 27, 1896.—Tylor's Town, South Wales. 57 deaths.

April 30, 1896.—Micklefield, near Leeds. 66 deaths.

Colliery disasters in the United Kingdom claim annually an average of 1,000 victims; 1873 holds the sad record of 1,413 deaths.

MR. STEAD ON DR. TORREY.

American Missioner's "Un-Christlike Way of Preaching Christ."

Some little time ago the *Daily Mirror* published a letter calling upon Dr. Torrey to withdraw or justify certain statements he had made about Paine and Ingersoll, two well-known agnostics.

Dr. Torrey then refused to do either, and accused the *Daily Mirror* of unfairness.

Now it appears that Mr. W. T. Stead made just the same appeal to Dr. Torrey and was met in the same intolerant and evasive spirit.

In the "Review of Reviews," Mr. Stead speaks of Dr. Torrey's "un-Christlike way of preaching Christ," and speaks of his "pathetic tenacity" to "the alleged connection between unbelief and immortality."

SCOTTISH MARKSMAN.

North Country Lieutenant Wins Two Important Prizes at Bisley.

The feature of yesterday's shooting at Bisley was a double win for Scotland.

In the morning Lieutenant Ranken, of the 6th Royal Scots, won the first prize in the Bass Competition by scoring 70 points at 900 and 70 points at 1,000 yards.

In the afternoon he won the first-prize in the only other important event of the day, the "Edge," by scoring 64 points at 1,000 yards and 69 at 1,100 yards.

There were not a great number of men shooting in the unfinished events, although the Colonel and a good many public school boys were having a good practice in view of forthcoming events.

SPIRITS AND BIRTH-RATE.

Russian Peasants Believe That Impure Spirit Causes Twins.

Three medical men of Moscow, who have spent more than a year in an exhaustive inquiry into the possible influence of impure vodka upon the birth-rate of the province, have reported some extraordinary facts.

During the twelve months twins were born in no fewer than fifty-three births out of the 714 which took place in a group of seventeen villages. During the month of May triplets were twice reported in one week from the small village of Yefimovo, which has only a population of 116 souls.

The peasants firmly believed that the Government corn-brandy, or vodka, was bewitched. The Governor actually ordered an inquiry to be made, but unfortunately the medical report now states that the doctors are unable to arrive at a definite conclusion.

HENLEY NOTABILITY DIVORCED.

News of a sad sequel to the romantic wedding of Mr. J. B. Juvenal, No. 5 in the American Vesper crew at Henley, who eloped with his bride on a tandem bicycle, has just been received from America. Mrs. Juvenal has (says Lafan) obtained a divorce on the ground of her husband's cruelty.

GENERAL STOESSSEL ARRESTED.

**Port Arthur's Defender Disgraced by
Order of the Tsar.**

General Stoessel, says an Exchange message from St. Petersburg, has been placed under arrest at his residence.

Although no reason for this order of the Tsar is given, the surrender of Port Arthur inevitably suggests itself.

Six months ago the world was ringing with the name of Stoessel. Port Arthur had just been taken by the Japanese, after a long and gallant defence, the whole of which was credited to Stoessel.

An additional interest was vested in the man by the gallant deeds of his wife. She remained by his side throughout the siege cheering on the soldiers, tending the wounded, and ministering to the dying.

But within a few weeks of the fall of Port Arthur it began to be whispered that Stoessel was invested with the heroism of another man. Kondratichenko, the General slain in defence of the fortress, was the real hero of Port Arthur.

When he died the defence was at an end. Stoessel had nothing to do but to yield up his charge to the Japanese.

So the deposed hero came home to account for his surrender of the fortress. He was coldly received on his arrival in St. Petersburg, and in the blaze of exciting events that have occurred since then has dropped out of sight.

Now, it seems, he has been arrested, and all the world will be asking "Why?"

MOSCOW CRIME.

**Assassination by Revolver of Count Shuvaloff,
Prefect of Police.**

MOSCOW, Tuesday.—While some persons presenting petitions were being received by Count Shuvaloff, the Prefect, here to-day, one of them fired three shots at the Prefect, who fell dead. The assassin was arrested.—Reuter.

Later.—The murder of Count Shuvaloff took place at one o'clock this afternoon. It appears that no less than five shots were fired, and that the Prefect lingered for an hour.

The assassin, who was plainly dressed, remained in the waiting-room until all the other petitioners had been received, and on entering the audience hall he advanced towards Count Shuvaloff, firing at him at close quarters.

The bullets passed through the body of the Prefect.

Although the police have failed fully to identify the assassin, it has been ascertained that he was arrested a short time ago for a political offence, but succeeded in making his escape from the police station.—Reuter.

ANOTHER LANDING IN SAGHALIEN.

TOKIO, Tuesday.—Admiral Kataoka reports that two cruisers and four torpedo-boats yesterday left Korsakobsk (Saghalien) with a military force on board, which had orders to land and occupy the settlement of Cape Notoro, the most southerly point of the island.

After some bombardment the place was captured, and the buildings, as well as the lighthouse, were found intact. Four prisoners were taken.—Reuter.

CAMP TEN MILES LONG.

ST. PETERSBURG, Tuesday.—According to a private telegram from Manchuria, the Chinese have reported that there is such a vast concentration of the Japanese near Siminpo that their camp extends for a distance of ten miles.—Reuter.

MIDNIGHT TELEGRAMS.

News from Féz states that Count Tattenbach, the principal of the German mission to Morocco, is ill.

Great damage has been caused by violent storms to the crops in Saragossa, Huesca, and Lerida, the vineyards in particular suffering severely.

While boating on the Charente (France) six persons were thrown into the water. Three men escaped, but two women and the boatmen were drowned.

Danger to the Lick Observatory on Mount Hamilton is, says a San Jose (California) telegram, threatened by a forest fire, which Militia have been sent for to subdue.

Work was to be carried on all last night, says a Brest telegram, in the attempt to raise the sunken French submarine, *Farfadet*, which is reported to be settling lower and lower in the mud.

NEW YORK, Tuesday.—The great heat here has caused the death of fifteen persons, the victims being infants and elderly people. Scores of cases of prostration are also reported.—Reuter.

"DAILY MIRROR" RIFLE CONTESTS.

**£75 in Prizes Offered to Best
Shots at Bisley with Auto-
matic Firearms.**

BEGINS ON FRIDAY.

The "Daily Mirror" will give £75 in prizes to the winners in a competition with automatic rifles. The complete rules will be held on Friday next, July 14, and on Saturday, July 22.

In view of the failure, under War Office tests, of the "short rifle" and the consequent indefinite postponement of the day when the British Army will be well armed, the startling claims made on behalf of automatic rifles deserve attention.

At Bisley various automatic rifles will be in use, and the *Daily Mirror* has arranged to offer prizes to the amount of £75 in order that the respective merits of each type, and in competition with service magazine rifles, may be seen.

If automatic rifles, under the careful conditions that have been arranged, prove to be the deadly weapons their makers claim, the question arises, Why has not the War Office spent money on them rather than on the expensive and fruitless experiments with the "short rifle"?

The *Daily Mirror* Automatic Rifle Competitions will be held on Friday, July 14, and on Saturday July 22.

They will be open to any single competitor firing with an automatic rifle, or to any two competitors, each firing with any hand-loaded magazine rifle.

CONDITIONS OF CONTEST.

The weight of automatic rifles in these competitions must not exceed 10lb.

First prize.—Friday, 14th, £12, Saturday, 22nd, £24.
Second prize.—Friday, 14th, £8, Saturday, 22nd, £16.
Third prize.—Friday, 14th, £5, Saturday, 22nd, £10.

Distance, 300 yards.
Target, head and shoulders.
Number of shots, unlimited.
Entrance fee, 5s.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS.

1. The target will appear four times, and each appearance will be for nine seconds, with intervals of six seconds between each appearance. Each appearance will be at a different place along the length of half the butt (about twenty-five yards).
2. No competitor or pair of competitors may compete twice consecutively if there are any other competitors waiting to compete.
3. Each pair of competitors must use the same designation of rifle, and no competitor may shoot in more than one pair.
4. On Saturday, the 22nd, the Bisley Committee reserve the right to nominate the order of shooting, and also to cancel special condition No. 2 either in whole or in part without notice.

How many times will an automatic rifle hit the target in the brief moments while it can be seen?

The difference between the automatic rifle and the ordinary magazine rifle is that it can fire many shots in rapid succession without being moved from the shoulder.

The marksman can keep his aim on an advancing enemy and continue firing until the shots take effect.

TO REPEL A RUSH.

A small force on whom a "rush" is being made are therefore enormously strengthened if armed with automatic rifles.

But the drawback to these weapons has hitherto been that they can only be used as automatic rifles, and are excessively wasteful of ammunition. One of the arms that will compete will be the West-Ashton rifle, which can be instantly transformed from an automatic rifle into an ordinary magazine or even single-loading weapon.

It was pitted against a service magazine rifle the other day, with the result that it placed twenty-one bullets on the target in twenty-seven seconds.

The magazine rifle, although handled by an expert, only hit the target seventeen times in sixty seconds.

An automatic rifle need not be a complicated weapon. The West-Ashton consists of sixty-five parts, as against 136 parts in the ordinary magazine rifle.

It utilises gases generated in the discharge to eject the used cartridge and place a new cartridge in the breach.

Of course, automatic firing would only be used in emergencies, but it is claimed that the weapon will bear the strain well and that the recoil is not very great.

Another automatic gun at Bisley will be the well-known Hall's rifle.

£50,000 FOR KING'S HOSPITAL FUND.

The bulk of the estate left by the late Mrs. S. M. Hames, of Sloane-street, which is likely to exceed £50,000 in value, will eventually be handed over to the King's Hospital Fund.

Mrs. Hames has left it in trust for her husband during his lifetime, and after it was to be paid to the fund.

GAITIES OF THE BREST VISIT.

Novel Ballroom in Which Over
3,000 People Will Dance.

PROHIBITED BANQUET.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

BREST, Tuesday.—All the morning numerous excursion steamers and sailing barges have been bringing numbers of people out to see the British warships.

French journalists and other persons who have been privileged to go on board the British ships are full of admiration for the neatness and order existing on them all. The special correspondent of the Paris "Eclair" says that "the British ships of war have a uniform appearance which contrasts very favourably with the heterogeneous aspect of the French Atlantic Fleet." He says: "I went on board the Victorious, and with the utmost courtesy I was allowed to wander all over the ship, from the superstructure to the engine-room. I do not believe that in any other navy in the world there exists such perfection of order and cleanliness. As for the men, it was easy to see that everybody is full of the sense of his duty, and that they take a conscious pride in the fact that they belong to the world's first naval Power."

Torchlight Procession.

At eleven o'clock this morning the British officers in full uniform went ashore and were driven in landaus to the Maritime Prefecture, where the Port Admiral entertained them to lunch.

The tables were laid out with exquisite taste in a hall 100ft. long by 30ft. wide. There were garlands of roses and trophies and flags everywhere. Toasts were proposed and drunk by the Port Admiral and by Admiral Sir William May, and during the meal the Brest naval dockyard band played selections of music. After lunch there were numerous festivities in the town, including several balloon ascents.

Last night a grand tattoo and torchlight procession, as also the illuminations were spoilt by the rain, therefore they are being repeated to-night. At 6.30 this evening the French officers of each man-of-war entertain their British comrades to dinner on each of the French ships.

Ball on a Warship.

At nine o'clock to-night a grand ball is being given on board the Jaureguiberry, to which 3,000 invitations have been issued. The vessel has been moored close to the wharf, with which it is connected by a large pontoon 30ft. wide, covered with a tent. On another warship, the Formidable, which has been moored against the Jaureguiberry, will be the refreshment-room. The weather has not been all that could be wished, and the British Jack Tar has not been allowed to land.

A grand banquet had been organised for Friday, which, it was expected, 1,500 soldiers and sailors would attend. Next to each English sailor a French sailor was to be placed, and so on, but the French authorities have refused permission for their men to attend this banquet, and Admiral Sir William May has therefore informed the municipality that his men will be too busy on board with their duties to attend the banquet.

NELSON SEA-SICK.

Distressing Malady Does Not Diminish Great
Naval Hero's Patriotism.

"I am so miserably sea-sick that I can scarcely hold up my head, but my last word and wish shall be down, down with the French."

This is a characteristic extract from one of Nelson's letters, which, with twenty-three others (most of them addressed to Lady Hamilton) will be sold at Sotheby's on July 28.

At the same rooms on July 28 and 29 will be sold five Shakespeare plays in quarto, two copies of the second folio edition of his works, and a copy of the fourth folio, besides many other valuable volumes.

A first state impression of Jane Countess of Gordon by Dickens and Mr. Reynolds, went for £235 10s., and "The Lock" and "The Cornfield" for £231 at Christie's yesterday.

HATCHES FOR SUBMARINES.

Will the Admiralty consider, asks Sir John Leng, M.P., the necessity of fitting all our submarines, built and to be built, with hatches so made that in cases of emergency they can be quickly opened and so provide the crews with a way of escape?

NO HOPE FOR A QUIETER LONDON.

A great chance of rendering the streets of London quieter was let slip by the L.C.C. yesterday. They rejected a proposed by-law prohibiting the use of noisy instruments on public vehicles, directed principally at the blowing of horns and cornets on pleasure brakes.

MAIDS OF HONOUR WED.

King and Queen Grace the Ceremony
at Buckingham Palace.

Two of the Queen's Maids of Honour were married in Buckingham Palace yesterday, and the King and Queen, the Princess Victoria, and the Duke of Sparta were all present during the ceremony.

The Hon. Dorothy Vivian was married to Major-General Douglas Haig, Inspector of Cavalry in India, and the Hon. Mary Anne was married to Captain Bell, of the Rifle Brigade.

The beautiful little chapel was decorated with tall white lilies above and beside the altar, and along the altar-railing were massed maidenhair fern and white lilies, with occasional palms.

Music was rendered by the choir of the Chapels Royal, and the Rev. Dr. Sheppard, sub-Dean of the Chapels Royal, officiated.

Both the brides made delightful pictures. They were dressed alike in white satin, the skirts and bodices were draped with old Brussels lace, and most exquisitely embroidered in a floral design in chenille, pearls, silver, and diamonds, while they had elbow sleeves of the same lace.

Each bride wore real orange flowers, covered with a valuable old Brussels lace veil, and carried a bouquet of choice white flowers.

There were neither bridesmaids nor pages, and the ceremony was very brief and simple. The register was signed by the King and Queen, and their Majesties afterwards gave a wedding breakfast in the Palace.

It is customary for Maids of Honour to receive a dowry of £1,000 from her Majesty when they are married, but a list of the Hon. Dorothy Vivian's presents shows that the bride received many more presents from the Royal Family, among them being a diamond and pearl tiara and a valuable Indian shawl from the King and Queen.

SMALL AND LARGE FAMILIES.

Incident Showing Comparative Fertility of
Middle and Working Classes.

The Nottingham High School for Girls recently kept its thirtieth birthday. At a reunion of former pupils one lady, and one only, could claim the dignity of being a grandmother.

In the same city the Bath-street Board School was opened in 1872, and a child has lately been escorted there as pupil by her great-grandmother, who herself attended that school as a pupil in 1872.

STAUNCH TO BETRAYER.

Loyal Girl, After Being Deserted and Driven
to Despair, Refuses To Name Her Lover.

Exceedingly pretty and dressed very neatly, Hannah Johnson, a young laundress, sat with bowed head in the dock at the Brentford Police Court.

It was the old story of betrayal, desertion, and despair. The poor girl struggled on, paying out of her 10s. a week 3s. 6d. for rent and 6d. a day to a woman to mind her baby.

On Monday George Parsons, a waterman, watched her movements near Kew Bridge. Suddenly she threw herself into the water. He plunged in after her, but when she was rescued she merely murmured that she wished to die.

The magistrates were told that the girl's friends had tried in vain to induce her to name the father of the child, who had not paid anything for its support. The girl remained staunch to her lover. The Bench asked her to reveal his identity. She resolutely shook her head.

The girl was remanded, and the missionary will interest himself in her case.

"DECOY GIRLS."

Curious Frauds Practised by "Agencies"
Advertising Situations and Servants.

Remarkable revelations as to the frauds exercised by various employment agencies were made by Mr. Coote, Secretary of the National Vigilance Association, before the House of Lords Select Committee, which is considering the London County Council new Bill seeking greater powers over these concerns.

A peculiar fraud was practised on mistresses. Some offices kept girls as decoys. They engaged themselves to a lady-applicant, who paid the fees, and then the girls refused to take the place. He had known "decoy girls" to do this three or four times a day.

NEW USE FOR BAIL.

It was stated at Marlborough-street yesterday in connection with the absconding of aliens when on bail, that in one such instance the bail was £1,000. It was not exactly worthless, for the sureties paid the money.

The Magistrate: We lost the prisoner and got the money.

NEW COMMONS.

How the Redistribution Bill is
Regarded by M.P.s.

IRISH INDIGNATION.

The Government's Redistribution Scheme, which Mr. Gerald Balfour has just laid before the House of Commons has aroused mixed feelings.

If carried, the scheme will have the following effects:—

Ireland will lose twenty-two seats, England will gain seventeen seats, Scotland will gain four seats, Wales will gain one seat.

London will be given five new members, and six suburbs will become new boroughs. The only place in Ireland receiving a new member is Belfast.

These redistribution proposals have aroused the greatest interest in political circles.

Irish members are, of course, indignant at the proposal to reduce their number by twenty-two, pleading as they always have, that it is a breach of the Union.

London Fares Well.

Mr. D. J. Morgan, M.P., on the other hand, as representing Walthamstow with its 200,000 electors, considers, like many other English members, that justice will be done if London gets its five new members and six populous London suburbs become new boroughs.

The Liberal Unionist Association, which has for many years been urging upon the Government the necessity for a fairer scheme of representation, also welcomes the Bill.

At a meeting held on July 14 of last year a resolution was proposed (by a delegate from Ulster) and carried unanimously, urging the Government to introduce a scheme.

Though unwilling at present to state any official opinion, the Tariff Reform League say that the new scheme can do them no harm.

Labour Party Protests.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, of the Labour Representation Committee told the *Daily Mirror* yesterday that a meeting of the committee would be held to-day at which an official protest will probably be made.

"We object strongly," he said, "to such a crude scheme of redistribution elbowing out the Unemployed Bill."

The Bill does not do away with the anomalies of representation. It retains places like King's Lynn, which ought to be merged in the county, while places like Portsmouth and Middlesbrough are left without an increase of members.

"But from the point of view of our candidates it will improve their chances if it is carried. Some nine or ten boroughs, among which are Glasgow, Liverpool, and Manchester, will be greatly benefited."

"We should also fight against the continued representation of the Universities. Why should they be represented twice over any more than a trade union?"

MERRY-GO-ROUND FOR M.P.s.

Mr. Swift MacNeill's Suggestion for Obviating
Waste of Time in Divisions.

Ten days of parliamentary time are occupied during an ordinary session of 300 divisions by members marching through the lobbies, said Mr. Scott Montagu yesterday.

"The exact amount of time devoted to Government legislation up to last week," observed Mr. Balfour.

"This is an account of your leadership," tartly remarked Mr. MacNeill, amid Opposition cheers.

"I hope," said "C.B." slyly, "the Government will not listen to any suggestion by Mr. Scott Montagu that motor-cars should be used in division lobbies." (Titters.)

Mr. Swift MacNeill: Give us a merry-go-round. (Roars of laughter.)

MARCONI CO. INCREASES CAPITAL.

At an extraordinary general meeting of Marconi's Wireless Telegraph Company yesterday resolutions were adopted authorising certain alterations in the articles of association and the increase of the capital of the company—£500,000—by the creation of 200,000 further shares of £1 each. It was pointed out by the chairman that the increase of the capital was necessitated by the expansion of the business.

TRAIN THIEVES UNEARTHED.

According to an Exchange telegram from Bordeaux the police have made some remarkable discoveries regarding the many recent robberies from trains in France. They have unearthed three regular organised gangs, which were allotted different routes to work. Fourteen arrests have been made, and a large quantity of miscellaneous property recovered.

JOY OF TWO CITIES.

Sheffield and Manchester Ready for
King and Queen.

If it were possible to imagine a merrier and happier town than Sheffield to-day it would be Manchester to-morrow.

These two cities are to receive two such honours as rarely come their way, visits from the King and Queen.

Both Sheffield and Manchester are going to make the very most of their luck.

Sheffield to-day is to have the King and Queen in its midst for six whole hours.

From the time when the royal train arrives at one o'clock, until goodbye is said at seven there are to be enough ceremonies to fill a week. There is to be a grand procession, presentations, a banquet at the Town Hall, gifts of colours to troops, the unveiling of a war memorial, the opening of a university, and an inspection of industrial works.

Forty-two thousand school children have arranged to show during the procession how Yorkshire youngsters can cheer.

Breaking their journey at Knowsley, the King and Queen will proceed to Manchester. Here another gigantic programme awaits them.

There will be another grand procession, another banquet, another unveiling, more presentations, and what is regarded as the most important function of all, the opening of the new dock at Salford. It will be a very busy and trying two days, but their Majesties will know when it is all over that they have made hundreds of thousands of North Country men, women, and children proud and happy for having got a glimpse of them.

"OFFICERS WON'T STAND IT."

General Sir A. Turner's Opinion on Army
Resignations.

Major-General Sir Alfred Turner has been interviewed by the "Pall Mall Gazette" on the question of Army officers' resignations.

He endorses the arguments which appeared in the *Daily Mirror* on Monday, when the alarming statement was made that 800 officers' resignations are in the hands of the War Office.

"Officers simply won't stand it," Sir Alfred said yesterday. "It is impossible for them to live in the Army without spending much more than they receive in pay. Nowadays battalions are sent to camp for months together, and this means for the married officers—there are plenty—the upkeep of two establishments at the same time."

"Unless the War Office holds out higher inducements for the right men to enter the Army as a profession to occupy their whole time, resignations, I am afraid, will continue."

HOT PUNCH.

Mother's Way of Showing Pleasure at
Daughter's Engagement.

Hot punch figured largely in an amusing case at Omagh yesterday, when Miss Mary Watson claimed £500 against a young farmer named Moore for breach of promise of marriage.

When the news of the engagement came to the girl's mother she treated Mr. Moore to a brew of this delicious, if rather unseasonable, beverage, and told him she would give him £500 with the girl.

After tea she gave him some more of this dangerous if delicious liquid.

Mr. Moore, it was said, was a brave lover. He took the girl on his knee, put his arm round her waist, and kissed her, saying there was no better person to share the little nest he meant to make for himself.

The Judge: Did you kiss him or merely allow him to kiss you?—Merely that.

Counsel: I never came across a girl like that before.

Later the girl said: "He kissed me every time he came."

The Judge: We cannot go into book-keeping of lovers' kisses.

The case was adjourned.

MESSAGE FROM SHIPWRECKED CREW.

While working at the mouth of the Mersey a Liverpool bathman picked up a bottle containing a message which seems to be connected with the mystery of the disappearance of the Nelson liner Highland Lassie, in December last. The message reads as follows: "Highland Lassie. No hope. Out in boat off Tuscar.—Smith." A man of this name was amongst the crew of the Highland Lassie.

The water-main of the London Hydraulic Power Company in Piccadilly, which by its bursting brought down the fireproof curtain in the middle of the performance at Daly's Theatre, and caused much inconvenience in other parts of the West End, was repaired yesterday morning.

WALFORD BODIE NOT AN "M.D."

Performer Who Sued the "Mirror"
for Libel Fined in a Police Court.

HOW HIS SUIT FAILED.

Mr. Walford Bodie, a music-hall entertainer, whose "entertainment" consists of "bone-setting" operations upon deformed and diseased persons, and whose performance was criticised in the *Daily Mirror* last January, was fined £5 and £5 5s. costs at the Lambeth Police Court on Monday.

The complaint against him was that he falsely used the title and description of "Doctor," "M.D.," and "Surgeon," while performing at the Camberwell Palace of Varieties, he not being a medical practitioner within the meaning of the Medical Acts, 1858 and 1886.

For the defence Mr. Avory said that Mr. Bodie did not pretend that he was qualified to practise in this country. He treated persons by hypnosis and mesmerism, but he had no surgery and charged no fees. He held medical degrees which in America would entitle him to describe himself as he had done, but while at the Camberwell Palace of Varieties the usual addition of "U.S.A." was omitted from the bills.

The magistrate, Mr. Francis, thought the case was one which called for a mitigated penalty. The defendant had no right to describe himself as "M.D.," and he would have to pay a penalty.

"Dr." Bodie in January last gave exhibitions at the Royal Music-hall, Holborn, which the *Daily Mirror* commented on as "puerile and unedifying."

It criticised his use of a "preposterous magnet," and pointed out that "his bloodless surgery was



MR. WALFORD BODIE.

so violent—for spectacular purposes—that it must entail considerable subcutaneous hemorrhage, which means the formation of more fibrous bands or adhesions than ever."

"Dr." Bodie took exception to these statements and brought an action for libel. He denounced the *Daily Mirror* at his "shows," and in his advertisements, and persuaded his friends that he was a much-abused man.

But Mr. Bodie failed to continue his case, and the *Daily Mirror* triumphed, for the suit went by default. At a critical period in the proceedings Bodie abandoned his action and paid the costs.

The fact that "Dr." Bodie had to pay five guineas costs at the Lambeth Police Court will not excite much sympathy on the part of those thousands of persons who have been offended at the exhibitions of bad taste which he makes when he exploits misery and disease as a music-hall "turn."

DUKE AND CHELSEA BOYS.

"You must be manly, truthful, fear God, honour the King, and love your country, and you will never disgrace the uniform you wear," said the Duke of Connaught to the boys of the Duke of York's School yesterday.

The occasion was the annual inspection, for which about 550 lads turned out.

PHILOSOPHY FROM THE BENCH.

The Greenwich magistrate (trying a charwoman yesterday on a charge of theft which he subsequently dismissed) to prosecutor: You employ her out of pity and pay her 1s. where everybody else pays 2s. 6d.

Later in the case: Very few ladies except duchesses leave their diamonds lying about.

HYDE PARK MYSTERY.

Man and Woman Seek Death Together
Near the Serpentine.

Hyde Park was the scene yesterday of a double tragedy, suggestive of no small amount of mystery.

The affair was discovered shortly after five o'clock under uncanny circumstances. The police on duty near the reservoir, not far from the eastern end of the Serpentine, found a young sailor, wearing his Majesty's uniform, and a respectfully dressed young girl, both of whom were apparently under twenty-five years of age.

One was sitting alone; the other on a seat not far away. To all appearances they were dead.

The constable at once summoned aid from the Hyde Park Police Station, a few yards away, and a closer examination revealed that in the case of the young lady death had already taken place, and that her companion was dying. Both man and woman had bullet wounds in the head.

Theory of Suicide.

The body of the young lady was removed to the Westminster Mortuary, and that of the man to the nearest hospital, but he died, it is stated, before he reached the institution.

Not far from the spot where the bodies were discovered a revolver was picked up by the police.

It is surmised that the two must have entered the park late last night and, after eluding the search of the keepers before closing-time, must have spent the night wandering near the spot where they were found.

The police, it is understood, regard the case as one of suicide, and in support of this it is stated that on the clothing were found some letters.

Man's Identity.

Further inquiries indicate that the tragedy was committed at a very early hour yesterday morning. The man was wearing the uniform of an able seaman of H.M.S. Victory, and at noon he was identified by a young woman, stated to be his sister, as George Stephenson, a seaman on board that vessel. His age was given as twenty-five years.

MADMAN IN THE DOCK.

Fisherman Swears at Counsel and Is Insolent
to the Judge.

"Liar!" shouted Thomas William Paramour, a well-known Margate fisherman, to counsel, who was opening a charge for assault against him at the Kent Assizes yesterday. He then swore vigorously.

The Judge: Silence. You can have your say later.

Paramour (threateningly): Then stop him telling lies.

"Oh, yes, I am," he yelled afterwards, when the prison doctor suggested he was unfit to plead; "I am in as fit a state as you."

Prisoner was found insane, and ordered to be detained.

ONE-LEGGED MAN'S DIVE.

Handicapped Professional Swimmer Leaps
from London Bidge.

People crossing London Bridge the other night were alarmed to see a young one-legged man mount the parapet and leap to what to them seemed to be certain death.

But the diver was a one-legged swimmer, and on rising to the surface of the river swam strongly. When he was taken from the water, however, he was arrested, and yesterday, giving the name of William Jufkins Thomason, appeared at the Mansion House, charged with being disorderly, jumping into the Thames, and causing a crowd to assemble.

His answer to the Lord Mayor was a curious one. He was a professional swimmer, he said, and could not secure an engagement.

He had dived from the bridge as an advertisement. He was swimming to the pier, and had no intention of giving trouble to the police.

The Chief Clerk: But you have only one leg. How can you swim?—Oh, easy. Practice.

The Lord Mayor, after being informed that the man was not hurt, discharged him, and Thomason left the court, walking with the aid of a stick.

CIVIL SERVANTS AND JURIES.

"Civil servants are liable to serve on juries, though postmen are not. Even the highest-placed officials at the Foreign Office cannot claim exemption," said the Lambeth coroner yesterday, when a juror said he had been told he was exempt owing to his position as a printer under the Receiver of Police for the metropolitan district at Scotland Yard.

GOOD DEMAND FOR WARSHIPS.

There was a sale of condemned warships in Portsmouth Dockyard yesterday. Twenty-three vessels were sold, prices ranging from £1,460 for a gunboat to £10,000 for a first-class cruiser.

HEAT AND CRIME.

Abnormal Temperature Accompanied by Many Tragedies.

MENTAL IRRITATION.

The present heat wave is being accompanied by a striking increase in the number of crimes throughout the country.

Statistics have proved that the number of offences against the law generally rises with the temperature, and the recent records show no exception to the rule. It seems as though the heat irritated people and upset their mental balance.

To-day news of crimes or attempted crimes comes from all parts of the country.

A girl was found lying with her head nearly severed from her body at Leicester. A man has been arrested in connection with the affair, and the motive is believed to be jealousy.

Mind Temporarily Unhinged.

From Timble, Yorkshire, is reported the suicide of a young man named Simpson, who drowned himself, leaving letters which said that gambling and women had been his ruin. Yet he stated in the same letters that all his debts did not amount to £7. From which it appears that his mind must have been in an abnormal state to describe himself as ruined.

At Neatishead, near Norwich, a murder mystery is engaging the attention of the police, the house of an old lady named Dent having been broken into at night, and Miss Dent having been found lying dead under mysterious circumstances.

An unusual number of attempts at suicide are reported from various districts. The case of Miss Lillian Porter, the eighteen-year-old actress who threw herself into the Thames because she had lost an engagement, was disposed of by the Bow-street magistrate yesterday. He told the girl she had been very foolish, and discharged her.

Finally, there is the Hyde Park crime, which is reported in another column.

The heat cannot be said to have actually caused any of these crimes, but it doubtless induces a frame of mind which makes people more open to succumb to a sudden temptation to violence.

SUMMER STARVATION.

Insane Through Hunger, a Woman Leap-
Into the Thames.

"People are staring at me through the window," said Alice Fox when she came one night to her sister to ask for a night's lodging. She appeared to be wandering in her mind. Early in the morning she left the house, and soon afterwards was seen to jump into the Thames.

At the coroner's inquest yesterday, when a verdict of Suicide while temporarily insane was returned, it appeared that the plunge in the river was mainly due to delusions brought about by eating poverty and hunger. The husband had been out of work for some time.

HOW TO EARN £1 A WEEK.

Woman and Man of Many Names Charged
with Frauds on the Public.

"One pound a week easily earned at your own home by sending particulars" was the not altogether new tenor of advertisements alleged to have been issued by Thomas Paynter and Eva Johnson, charged at Spelthorpe yesterday with having charged on business intending to defraud the public.

Those who answered the advertisement received a circular saying they could earn the money by addressing envelopes. Would they first kindly send 3s.?

One shilling a packet of twenty-five envelopes was the original price fixed, but this was afterwards reduced to 6d.—unless, indeed, the applicant could persuade a friend to also take up the work.

Paynter, it was stated, had at different times been Smith and Co., Thomas and Co., and North and Co. It was while he was North and Co. that Johnson assisted him. Accused were remanded.

SANDSTORM IN LANCASHIRE.

The thunderstorm was preceded at Chorley by a curious phenomenon in the shape of a sandstorm. A great cloud of sand whirling in enormous spirals travelled across the valley, leaving a trail of sand an inch deep behind it.

Constant changes in the tea duty are bound to unsettle and harass trade, said Mr. Hudson Kearley, M.P., presiding yesterday at the annual meeting of the International Tea Company. There had been no fewer than four changes in the last five years.

STAGES OF LOVE.

Is "Keeping Company" the Same as
"Being Engaged"?

The difference (if any exists) between "keeping company" and "being engaged" was the point which puzzled Judge Emden at the Lambeth County Court.

It arose over an action for £15 brought by David King, manager of a business in Snow Hill, E. C., who claimed that he had advanced it, through Miss Alice Wood, to Miss Emma Ward, of Peckham, as a loan.

Miss Ward replied that the money was a gift to Miss Wood, to whom, at the time, Mr. King was paying considerable attention.

Miss Wood raised the problem that exercised his Honour's mind when she remarked that, although she and Mr. King were keeping company, they were not engaged—and were not now friends.

Judge Emden: What is the difference between keeping company and being engaged? I thought it was the same thing.

"A Probationary Stage."

Plaintiff's Counsel: I believe "keeping company" is a probationary stage.

Judge Emden: No doubt, Mr. Barker, you know more about it than I do.

Miss Ward, the defendant, said she knew that Miss Wood had been keeping company with Mr. King for about five years.

Judge Emden: Perhaps you may be able to tell us the difference between keeping company and being engaged.

Miss Ward: Surely your Honour knows that ladies who keep company with gentlemen are not always engaged to them.

Judge Emden: That is exactly what I did not know.

Miss Ward: He was paying his addresses to Miss Wood. He used often to send a wire saying he was coming to my place, and we used to get the sitting-room ready, and he and Miss Wood used to sit there. But I was always present. (Laughter.)

She admitted that once Mr. King told her he took Miss Wood about because her head looked very nice in a music-hall or a theatre.

The case was dismissed.

MOLESTED MAGISTRATE.

Mr. Corser's Exciting Encounter with Dis-
appointed and Armed Applicant.

It is seldom our judges or magistrates are subjected to molestation in the streets, but a curious experience befel Mr. Corser, the Worship-street magistrate, after he had left the court.

He was walking homewards when a middle-aged man, named Frederick Peter Jackson, who is well-known at the court, rushed at and tried to seize him by the arm. Several constables were close by and prevented Jackson approaching the magistrate, whereupon the man became so violent that it took six constables to remove him to the station, where he bit two of the officers and otherwise made himself unpleasant.

A more serious aspect was put upon the case when Jackson was charged with disorderly conduct at Worship-street yesterday.

He was reported by the police to have used threats and on arrest a sheath-knife was found in his possession.

He had stopped Mr. Cluer, the magistrate, in the same way. Jackson, who was remanded, pleaded that he meant no harm. "You have no right to address a magistrate in the street," said Mr. Corser.

HOW COLDS ARE CAUGHT.

The voyage of the *Discovery*, writes Dr. Edward Wilson, in the "British Medical Journal," was remarkable for only two outbreaks of colds in the two and a half years over which it extended. One outbreak followed the unpacking of a bale of woollen clothing, and the other was consequent upon heating the wardroom carpet. In each case the cause of infection was sufficiently obvious.

Sir William Muir, K.C.S.I., D.C.L., up to 1902 vice-principal of Edinburgh University, died in Edinburgh yesterday, aged eighty-five.

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AMATEURS FAIL BEFORE PLAYERS.

Warner Alone Makes Much of a Stand Against Arnold, Rhodes, and Lees.

HAYES BRILLIANT.

By F. B. WILSON

(Last Year's Cambridge Captain).

The advantage of winning the toss has seldom been more obviously proved than in the present Gentlemen v. Players' match at Lord's. On Monday the wicket was slow and very easy, yesterday, practically no rain having fallen, the ball came along quite fast, and, as there were one or two spots the bowlers were able to do quite a lot with the ball.

Thus, during the day's play the professors were able to pull themselves from a useful position to a winning one.

Warner and Beldam started well for the Gentlemen, the former especially making some pretty shots. The score went along quietly, and as over after over passed both men appeared to be getting well set.

At 83, however, Arnold found his way through Beldam's defence with a real good one, the retiring batsman having annexed 22. Followed Fry, who played quietly for some time, and looked like playing a characteristic big innings. At 9, however, a peach from Rhodes beat him all ends up, and hit the wicket. The ball came very fast off the wicket, and turned quite appreciably, and Fry playing back was too late. 72-2-9.

SPOONER'S HOOK SHOT.

Spooner and further disaster followed. With his score at 3 the Lancashire amateur was well caught at mid-on by Haigh in trying a dangerous hook off Arnold. The ball was well outside the off peg, and the shot was a good one, but not quite far enough round. 75-3-8.

Jackson was the next batsman on the list, and a round of applause greeted the greatest player in a losing position that England possesses. On this occasion, however, the Test match captain did not live up to his great reputation, for with 6 to his credit he was rather unluckily bowled by a ball from Rhodes, which hit all sorts of things and finally the wicket. Jackson showed some petulance at the occurrence. Evans joined Warner, and big things were hoped from the Oxonian, who is a fine performer on a slow wicket. He, however, was beaten and bowled by a trimmer from Rhodes, who was bowling very well, for the unsatisfactory moon.

WARNER GETS CAUTIOUS.

Meanwhile Warner was playing very nice cricket and making some pretty shots on the leg side. As his innings proceeded, however, he got slower and slower, and in the last hour before lunch he only annexed about a dozen.

Bosnquet came in, and as usual the cricket immediately became very interesting. Though careful, he made some fine hits in his own stiff-armed style, and it was felt that if he and Warner could stay till lunch the Amateurs might yet make a bid to get near their opponents' score.

The last bat before lunch, however, saw him nicely taken at short slip by Hayes—one of the best short slips in the world, by the way—off a weak shot on the off. The wicket had put on 62 runs, and the score at lunch was 146-6-38.

After the interval trouble visited the Amateurs, as Warner was magnificently stumped on the leg side by Lilley off Arnold. Warner's innings was a fine one in every way, and quite upset the prevalent theory among some that Warner is only a fast wicket bat.

Another disaster ensued almost immediately, as "the Master," after scoring a single, was well taken at slip by Hayes from a wrist cut, which was under instead of over the ball.

ARNOLD AND RHODES THE BEST BOWLERS. Martyn and Hesketh-Prichard struck the ball severely and knocked up runs quickly, Martyn especially making some lovely off-bowling. The latter, however, was fired Hesketh-Prichard, and Arnold beat Martyn, the total finishing at 185.

Of the bowlers, Arnold and Rhodes were the best. Both of them made the ball turn, occasionally quite a lot, and with the ball coming different paces off the pitch, both were difficult to time.

Though the Gentlemen had not saved the following, Lilley decided to bat again, Bowley and Lees being his selections for the first pair. Beldam, one of those who curl in the air, and Brearley opened the bowling for the Gentlemen. With the score at 19, 5 of which were extras, Bowley was bowled by a fizzer from Brearley that came right across the wicket and wounded the leg-stump. The next ball was also obviously a fizzer, and Bowley was clean bowled by a somewhat similar ball, which crouched a bit and came across.

Hayes came in to stop the hat trick, which he did with apparent ease; there are few batsmen in the world who make the bowling look easier than Hayes does, with the exception perhaps of Ranjitsinhji.

LAST NIGHT'S NEWS ITEMS.

When a Newark hosier attended for his public examination in bankruptcy it transpired that his only debt, in addition to £200 which he owed the bank, and for which they held security, was a coal bill for 8s. 3d. The examination, naturally, was closed.

Leaving Dover by the special boat onward for Calais yesterday the Canadian manufacturers and their friends who have been visiting this country were accorded a hearty send-off.

Deptford Borough Council do not believe that a man is too old at fifty. The position of library attendant they are advertising as vacant will be given to the applicant of the highest merits irrespective of age.

An athletic sheep which had strayed into a garden at Tiverton (Devon) jumped through a window into the house of a Blundell's schoolmaster. It escaped from the building by butting a hole through the glass of another window.

Miss Florence Margaret Rees, the pretty seventeen-year-old Welsh Portia, who lives in the Swansea Valley and hopes eventually to practise as a solicitor, has decided for the time being to take the management of a company of variety artists now touring South Wales.

To keep cats from his pheasants, a Winchester gamekeeper has surrounded the coops with a network of electric wires. When the animals are electrocuted he keeps the tails as trophies, and now has a wonderful collection of 255 cats' tails.

The South-Eastern and Chatham Railway Company propose to close the branch line between Strood and Chatham Central Station in the city of Rochester.

In view of the duties devolving upon him as Chairman of Committees of the House of Lords, the Earl of Onslow finds himself unable to undertake the post of president of the Royal Agricultural Society for the ensuing year.

Committed for trial at Marlborough-street yesterday, charged with converting to his own use the proceeds of two rings, worth £27, Arthur Cherlan, a Russian watchmaker, confessed (so the prosecutor alleged) to having pawned them, and "begged to be excused."

Faraday Garden, named after the eminent scientist who was born in the neighbourhood, is to be opened in Halworth next Saturday. It will be a welcome addition to this crowded district's few breathing spaces, which at present work out at about an acre for every 20,000 inhabitants.

RUSH FOR JAPANESE LOAN.

Although Over-Subscribed, the Premium Has Not, However, Been Sustained.

AMERICAN WEAKNESS.

CAPEL COURT, Tuesday Evening.—The most notable feature of the day, of course, was the closing of the Japanese loan lists for London soon after 2.30 p.m., owing to the heavy over-subscription. Though the excitement at the banks of issue when the prospectuses were given out overnight was not so marked, the rush of applicants to-day was large just at the opening of the banks, and there is no doubt that it has been a great success.

The premium, however, has not been maintained, and has slid off to 7-16, and has even been a shade lower. But, of course, as the loan was brought out at the same price as the last issue, and was only a second charge on the Tobacco Monopoly revenue, it is natural that there should not be quite so much early enthusiasm. The main thing is that Japan has got its money very easily.

Perhaps the next most important point was the reminder of settlement difficulties as a result of the failure of Mr. Arthur Herbert Stovold. Mr. Stovold was a "jobber" in the Goldfields section of the Kaffir market. His failure is of no great importance, except, of course, to himself, but it is a reminder that there will probably be several other failures before the settlement is cleared up. It served to check the Kaffir enthusiasm, but the market was not weak, and was rather better than yesterday. The postponement of the Johannesburg Consolidated Investment scheme is regarded as merely a nail in its coffin.

CONSOLS' SLIGHT REISE.

A third item of interest is the weakness of Americans, though here the close was a little above the worst. For one thing the Continent was selling, but the poor public response in New York to the efforts of the market manipulators would have much to do with the general profit-taking tendency, and it is said that several of the leading wire-pullers are now leaving New York for their holidays. With crop uncertainties, and one thing or another, it is natural, therefore, that prices should be drooping.

Turning to some survey of the remaining markets, one slightly adverse influence was the fact that the banks exacted their full figure of the last settlement for the present settlement loans. Nevertheless, Consols are up to 90½, which is a shade better than yesterday.

GRAND TRUNKS "TIP."

There were a good many people "tipping" Grand Trunks overnight in the market. And quite possibly their "tips" might have come off, for the traffic decrease of £3,423 was not nearly so large as had been expected. Unfortunately, the weakness of Americans rather knocked out Canadian Rails. Canadian Pacific traffic showed \$9,000 decrease.

As usual, it is the Foreign Railway section to which we have to turn for the day's lively features. No sooner was the carry-over out of the way than things began to move. United Rails of Havana skipped up £3 to 157½. Even Antofagasta recovered. Mexican Rails were quite strong, the First Preferences bounding to 112½, and there was buying in the Argentine group also.

Apart from the new Japanese issue, noted above, there were not many Foreign features. As a whole the Paris favourites were firm. Russians fell back just a little on a stiffer carry-over rate. Colombians were quite good at 43½.

It was satisfactory to notice that several Miscellaneous descriptions, which have been rather dull recently, showed some evidence of revival. The electric-lighting scare has evidently been got over. Even London and India Dock Deferred lifted up its head again. So did Hudson's Bays and other favourites. Nile Valleys are weak at only 28½.

Marconi's new capital has been approved by the shareholders. The Trustees, Executors, and Securities scheme has also been accepted by the shareholders body.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

TWO QUESTIONS (Bard): Wedglasses are quite a speculation. We think, in view of competition coming, you could do better than Rosario Deferred.—BONDS (R. S.): Name of broker not required.—CHILD TELEPHONS (Bright): Position improving.

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Major-General Douglas Haig and his bride, the Hon. Dorothy Vivian, one of the two maids-of-honour to Queen Alexandra, married yesterday in the royal private chapel, leaving Buckingham Palace after the wedding luncheon.

Without the slightest warning a disused well, 60ft. deep, in a court in Windsor-street, Birmingham, collapsed. Luckily no one was hurt.

Pointing out that demonstrations in favour of the Unemployed Workmen Bill have been held in London, Manchester, and elsewhere, Mr. Keir Hardie is to ask the Premier if he will now undertake that the Bill shall be passed this session.

Mr. H. Simmonds, a Bagnall (Staffordshire) farmer, narrowly escaped being struck by a bullet fired during Volunteer practice at the neighbouring rifle range. The missile penetrated the door of his house and embedded itself in an armchair.

Colonel Stopford-Sackville intends asking the Secretary to the Treasury what interest, if any, the public have in the recent sale at Walmer Castle; whether any objects of historical or antiquarian value have been secured for the nation, and if the castle is in future to be a national museum.

Knowing little of her native tongue herself, a young Welsh mother was determined that her baby should be proficient. She engaged a Welsh-speaking nursemaid from the heart of Cardigan-shire, and when the girl left twelve months later the baby could not be pacified. "What we want," the weeping mother told a friend, "is an interpreter. Baby only understands Welsh."

Mr. William Bruce Dick, founder of the electrical engineering firm of Messrs. Dick, Kerr, and Co., died suddenly yesterday in his seventy-sixth year at Carrick Grange, Sevenoaks.

An agitation is on foot for the exclusion of motorists from the church parade at Scarborough. Anti-motorists urge that the attractiveness of the parade, which constitutes a feature of the season, is detracted from by the presence of automobiles.

Mr. Lancelot Sanderson, K.C. (Conservative), and Mr. Frederick William Chance (Liberal) were yesterday nominated for the vacancy in the parliamentary representation of Carlisle caused by the elevation of Mr. Gully, the ex-Speaker, to the peerage.

In attempting to pass in front of an electric car in Southwark Bridge-road yesterday a cyclist was thrown from his machine, which skidded on the line. As he fell he managed to catch hold of a chain hanging from a passing cart and was miraculously dragged out of danger.

"So completely worked out was the pony that by putting a hand on it it would have fallen over," said an inspector at Kingston-on-Thames yesterday during the hearing of a charge of cruelty. The owner said he gave £3 for the animal, and fed it well, but it never got fat.

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A FOOL'S GAME.

WHAT an easy thing it seems to be to persuade nations to be friends with one another. Not very long ago France and Britain were ready to fly at one another's throats. That was because the foreign policies of their rulers clashed. Now, as we see at Brest, and as we shall see next month at Portsmouth, the two nations are on the best of terms. All because the foreign policies of their rulers happen to coincide!

Why should nations, though, continue to take words of command from Foreign Offices as to whom they should be friends with? Why should they not manage their foreign relations themselves, as they manage their home affairs? As soon as nations get to know one another really well, the idea of going to war appears to them stupid and offensive to all decent feeling.

And how are they to get to know one another well except by means of official celebrations, such as this at Brest? There are many ways. They can travel in one another's countries, learn one another's language, study one another's literature, and exchange the ideas of their leading men in a popular, informal way. Thus, M. Jaurès, the famous French Socialist leader, was taking a step towards universal peace when he accepted the invitation of German Socialists to lecture in Berlin.

Then, of course, the Paternal Government came on the scene and forbade M. Jaurès's visit. Against such interference those who are getting up unofficial *ententes cordiales* will always have to fight. The official world does not like people to act for themselves; it wants to act for them. Nor does it want universal peace, for that would leave the Foreign Offices very little to do.

Still, even in spite of Government obstacles, much can be quietly done to make nations better friends. Everyone can help. Everyone can behave with friendly courtesy to foreigners, and friendly courtesy goes a very long way. We can all exercise patience when incidents such as those of Fashoda or Dreyfus crop up. We can refrain from causing needless irritation by assuming that our neighbours are bigger fools than we are ourselves.

Consider the causes of all the recent European wars. Have they really been fought about from the people's point of view? Not a bit of it. They have had to do with the ambition of some statesman, the vanity of some sovereign. The People have gained nothing by them whatever. The People never will gain anything by war: it is not intended they should.

War is fun for the soldier, and often useful to the diplomatist. From the point of view of the mass of a nation who have to pay for it, it is a Fool's Game. If nations had any collective common sense, they would decide questions of peace or war for themselves, and not continue to be puppets in the hands of those whom they have chosen to manage their affairs.

A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

Life should be a giving birth to the soul, the development of a higher mode of Reality. This heavenly alchemy is what justifies our presence on the earth: it is our mission and our glory.—*Amiel*.

THIS MORNING'S GOSSIP.

TO-DAY the King and Queen leave town for their two days' visit to Sheffield and Manchester. To realise how much royalty, aided by special trains, carriages, and motor-cars, can accomplish in two days one has only to study the list of arrangements for this visit. The King and Queen will arrive at Sheffield just about mid-day. They will at once be whirled to the Town Hall, in their own carriages, which were sent up from Buckingham Palace yesterday, and there luncheon will be served with due formality.

After lunch the whirling begins again. First the new University Buildings are to be opened, then a visit is to be paid to the Weston Park, to the Vickers' works, and to several other places. Then, from a specially erected platform just outside the works, their Majesties will be spirited to Lancaster—Knowlesy Hall, where Lord and Lady Derby have a house-party to meet them; and to Manchester, where there is another luncheon in another Town Hall, and more openings, ceremonies, and salutations to be endured. At last, on Friday morning, comes the return to London.

Lord and Lady Derby will not really have much opportunity of seeing their royal guests. Never-

the Royals. His wife was a Miss Menzies, and he has left one or two children. Death is attributed to that mysterious complaint Hobson's Disease, as it is called for want of a better name. It is a form of tuberculosis of the glands, which has never been thoroughly understood by the medical profession.

To-night there will be a very big dinner-party in Prince's-gate, given by Lord and Lady Cheylesmore, and at which Prince and Princess Christian, Princess Victoria of Schleswig-Holstein, and about thirty other people will be present. Shortly after ten o'clock a further succession of guests will arrive, and will be entertained by Mme. Jeanne Granier, Mlle. Parkina, and the boy 'celist, Davidoff. On Friday night Lord and Lady Cheylesmore are giving another dinner-party, and both this and next week they will also entertain at Bisleys Camp.

A good deal of disappointment has been felt at the news that the ball, which Mary Duchess of Hamilton was to have given at Claridge's Hotel, will not take place after all. The Duchess, who is a capital hostess, is a daughter of the present Duchess of Devonshire by her first husband, the seventh Duke of Manchester. She is not exactly a lover of London and its exhausting "season,"

was he who consoled Rossetti during his "evil days" and was with him when he died in a house at Birchington.

Mr. Swinburne's personality is only vaguely known to the general public. A comic description of him occurs in the last volume of Taine's letters, recently published by Hachette's. Taine came over to Oxford to deliver some lectures just at the time when Paris was being ruined by the Commune. He had a long talk with Mr. Swinburne, and describes him as a short, nervous man, with frenzied gestures, and a way of throwing back his head to emphasise remarks. He also wonders at his remarkable knowledge of French literature.

It was at Balliol, I think, and in the rooms of Benjamin Jowett, that the conversation in question took place. Jowett was Mr. Swinburne's tutor at Balliol. He once gave another of his pupils a description of Mr. Swinburne's work. He declared that the ardent young man brought him immense essays, always very eloquently written. "But I can never find," he added, "that he is following any definite line of thought." Mr. Swinburne, by the way, left Oxford without taking his degree, and it was understood that he had been "ploughed" in Scripture, though he knew more about most of the other subjects, and particularly more Greek, than the examiners did.

Lord Ludlow, who yesterday proposed the second reading of the Shipowners' Negligence Bill in the Lords, is to distribute the prizes at the Medical School of St. Bartholomew's Hospital to-day. He is one of the most fortunate of living peers, and has everything—good looks, wealth, and the charming wife who was Lady Howard de Walden—to make life pleasant for him. His father was the famous Judge—Lord Justice Lopes, who came of a Jewish family. One of the ancestors, Dr. Lopez, was physician to Queen Elizabeth. Wenasseh Lopez, who lived under Charles II., was a still more famous member of the family.

This delightful old person was like some character out of a book. He got almost all the grandees of the day into his power by lending them money and finding out all about their secrets. He also had a great love of medicine, and was accused, as most people with scientific instincts were at that time, of practising the black arts, and making little figures of his enemies in wax to boil down or stick pins into, so that the originals might expire in agonies.

The Duke of Connaught will be present at Bisleys on Friday, and not the King, who has arranged to be present on the last day of the meeting, that is, July 22, when his Majesty will distribute the prizes to the successful competitors.

A WOMAN OF THE MOMENT.

Mlle. Mathilde Bauermeister.

THE great benefit *matinée*, which Mm. Melba has organised in her lounge, is to take place to-day at Covent Garden, and after this season her familiar name will be read no more on the programmes where it has figured for more than thirty years.

She sang her first song in London when she was eleven years old. That was at the old Her Majesty's Theatre, which stood where the Carlton Hotel stands now. Ever since that day, whether at Drury Lane or Covent Garden, and in spite of the fact that she was born in Hamburg, she has considered herself a daughter of Albion, and a Londoner.

She sang several times at Windsor for the late Queen, and possesses bracelets, photographs, and fans from royalties who have heard her in England. She has innumerable gifts of the same kind from grateful fellow-singers whose parts she has taken in desperate emergencies—for almost any part can be played, at a moment's notice, by this artist, who carries the whole repertoire in her memory.

The most noticeable point about to-day's *matinée* is that it is organised by the singer to whom Mlle. Bauermeister "did a good turn" many years ago. When Melba was quite unknown, Sir Augustus Harris asked Mlle. Bauermeister to give him her opinion of the new singer's voice. Mlle. Bauermeister listened to Melba in amazement. "It is a voice of gold," she said, and the famous manager engaged the singer at once.

To-day that "voice of gold" is to be placed at the service of the woman who first appreciated it.

IN MY GARDEN.

JULY 11.—If one's garden is not being perpetually turned over and "made neat" many seedling plants will be found springing up.

Where roots of forget-me-nots, wallflowers, rockets, foxgloves have been left to seed themselves on undisturbed ground, little colonies of plants have arisen. Prettiest of all are the baby primroses and cowslips, which now peep in hundreds from the moist soil which surrounds their parents. These self-sown seedlings should be well thinned out, and, as a rule, do best if kept in the open. A vase containing a few blooms of one or two varieties is much prettier than a bowl tightly packed with a hundred flowers.

E. F. T.



Mr. BRODRICK: Lord Roberts says our Army cannot fight. This may be true, but it has a cap unlike anything else on earth.
Mrs. ARNOLD-FORSTER: He thinks it is as bad as it was in 1900, but look at these trousers! I'd like to see Franco or Germany beat 'em!

theless, they have taken great pains, as usual, to get together a house-party thoroughly congenial to them. The Duke and Duchess of Devonshire, two of the King's oldest friends, will be there; also the Marquis de Soveral, with whom his Majesty becomes more and more friendly every year. Knowlesy Hall is, by the way, nearly always visited by the King at the time of the Grand National, which can be reached conveniently from it. The life there is apt to be a little formal, which is perhaps inevitable considering the size of the house. Knowledge is expected at the house of entertaining several kings, and the first royalty to stay there was Henry VII., who visited the first Earl of Derby towards the end of his reign.

There is very general regret at the death of Major Wilfred Marshall, which took place on Monday last at his house in Chesham-place. The funeral takes place at Brookwood to-morrow. A very large attendance is expected at the Guards' Chapel at the same hour as the funeral, namely, half-past eleven. There is not the slightest doubt that Major Marshall was one of the most popular officers in the whole Brigade of Guards, and was always looked up to by his men with admiration and respect. He was the son of the late General Sir Frederick Marshall who at one time commanded

but is a born sportsman, who understands poultry-farming, dairies, hay-making, and all the delights of an open-air existence.

The Duchess has married again since the death of her first husband, the twelfth Duke of Hamilton, in 1905. Her second husband is Mr. Carnaby Foster, who is also a keen sportsman and a lover of horses. The Duchess's child, Lady Mary Hamilton, has the "Mastership" of the Hamilton Harriers, and is as fine a horsewoman as her mother. The late Duke of Hamilton was absolutely devoted to her, and left her everything but his legally entitled to leave, so that she is one of the greatest heiresses in England, while the present Duke is, by comparison, a poor man.

To-day everybody will be buying the new novel which Mr. Swinburne wrote in his youth, but was only published this morning. Of course, the book is dedicated to Mr. Watts-Dunton, the poet's faithful friend, who lives with him at The Pines, their house at the foot of Putney Hill. The names of the two are now indissolubly connected, and one is getting a little weary of reading dedications written by Mr. Swinburne to Mr. Watts-Dunton. The latter has been the friend of many great men. It

NEWS PHOTOGRAPHS BY EXPRESS



WATER MAIN BURST AT PICCADILLY CIRCUS.



Repairing the roadway after the bursting of the London Hydraulic Power Company's main. Besides upheaving the wood pavement and flooding Piccadilly-circus, the escaping water forced Daly's Theatre to close in the middle of the evening performance by putting the hydraulic safety-curtain out of order, swamped the lower part of the Criterion, and stopped most of the lifts in the West End.

GENTLEMEN v. PLAYERS—SNAPSHOTS AT LORD'S.



Hayward, the famous Surrey professional, who opened the Players' first innings with a very useful 32.



H. Martyn kept wicket for the Gentlemen in first-rate style. A snapshot taken as he was leaving the pavilion.



G. L. Jessop (on the left) and G. W. Beldam leaving the field. Jessop, as usual, distinguished himself by some remarkably smart fielding.



A general view of the ground at Lord's at the beginning of yesterday's play. The weather was perfect, and there was a much larger crowd of spectators than on Monday.



The revolver ranges at Bisley. The fine scoring of Warrant-officer Raven, from H.M.S. Spitfire, and champion revolver shot of the Navy, has been arousing a great deal of interest.

Mrs. Way, markswoman at Bisley. She is in the position of the target.



Shooting in the Waldegrave competition at the 900 yards' range. It was won 100, after an exciting fight, three other competitors.



A group of Canadian crack shots at Bisley. Some of them are experts in big competitions.

SLEY



Colonials firing at Bisley yesterday. There are Canadians, Australasians, and Transvaalers among them, and they include a number of first-class shots.

The Johannesburg who is competing adopts the prone position for firing.



by Mr. H. Blood, of the National Rifle Association, with 99 points out of a possible competitors scoring 98, and three more 97.



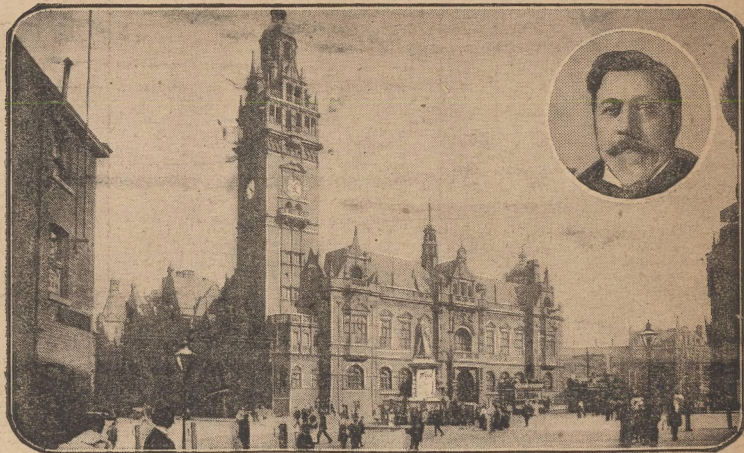
The scorers are in communication with the butts by telephone, so that any doubt about a hit can be immediately corrected.



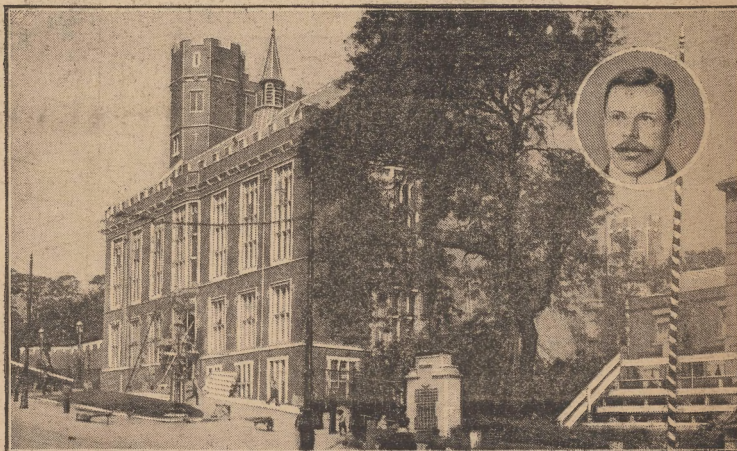
NEWS IN VIEWS



TO-DAY'S ROYAL VISIT TO SHEFFIELD.



The Town Hall of Sheffield, and a portrait of the Lord Mayor, Alderman Joseph Jonas, who, as chairman of the royal reception committee, is mainly responsible for the splendid welcome that has been prepared for the King and Queen.—(Elliott and Fry.)



The buildings of Sheffield's new university, which will be inaugurated by King Edward to-day. Inserted is a portrait of Mr. H. K. Stephenson, chairman and treasurer of the university buildings committee, who will hand to his Majesty the key used for the opening ceremony.

CATTLE KILLED BY LIGHTNING AT WARWICK.



Cattle to the number of twenty-four, having taken refuge under a large tree in Warwick Castle Park during a thunderstorm, were instantaneously killed by lightning. The photograph shows the track of the electric current down the tree trunk, and was taken shortly after the catastrophe.

THROUGH THE "MIRROR."

MR. ROCKEFELLER'S METHODS.

On representing a black number of your paper, I came across a severe censure of Mr. Rockefeller. I am not a business man, but in view of recent revelations, I ask, can we pull the mote out of this financier's eye? He has simply carried ordinary business principles to their logical conclusion, and his one sin appears to be success.

COMPTON READE.

Kenchester, Hereford.

"LUGGAGE IN ADVANCE."

I should like to sympathise with your correspondent who complained the other day that she had fallen a victim to the scheme for sending luggage in advance.

I, too, sent some in this way not long ago. When I arrived at my destination in Surrey I found a telegram which cheerfully stated that my trunks were now in a remote Welsh village, where they would remain until I sent for them.

I sent for them, I paid huge sums of money for them, and I lost my temper many times over them. Never again! EDWARD MANTON.
Leatherhead, Surrey.

PHYSICAL DEGENERATION.

When you see in your eloquent leader that the "only way to stop physical degeneration is to alter the conditions under which the degenerates live," you seem to me to be taking up the attitude of one crying for the moon.

We know that it is bad for humanity to herd, and labour, and exhaust itself in cities. We know that poverty is bad for it, and drink, and dirt. You ask us to destroy the conditions under which all those disastrous things are possible. Why not suggest at once that we should all migrate to Utopia, and that the millennium should begin?

MATTER-OF-FACT.

MR. SWINBURNE—NOVELIST.

The Great Poet's Witty Story is Published This Morning.

Some critics have denied Mr. Swinburne the gift of humour. Possibly those who did so had not read his "Heptalogia: or the Seven against Sense," in which, with delicious irony, he parodied the poetical styles of Rossetti and of Browning, of Coventry Patmore and of Tennyson, and his own style into the bargain. Certainly they will not deny it to him after reading "Love's Cross-Currents," which now comes to light after having been buried in a drawer for years.

In a prologue to the story Mr. Swinburne sets the characters before us. Their relationships are very complicated. Everybody is the cousin once removed, or the granduncle, or the grandfather or mother of somebody else. One has to be for ever referring back to this prologue to see who everybody is.

But the letters written by these people from the main part of the book. They tell how two groups of cousins with their uncles and aunts, and, above all, their grandmother, Lady Midhurst, hovering in the epistolary background—meet at a country house and fall in love where it is indiscreet for them to do so, and get their heads into wasps' nests, as Lady Midhurst puts it, in consequence.

Lady Midhurst is the best-drawn character in the book. One of the people upon whom she is perpetually pouring advice, describes her as "living and thinking in a yellow paper French novel cover, with some of the pages loose in sewing."

The whole book shows a power of characterisation and a sobriety of style which one would not have suspected in Mr. Swinburne. Read the dedication to Mr. Watts-Dunton after reading the book, and you will see how much more verbose his manner has become since he wrote the latter. Now he can not allude to anything without a plethora of adjectives, and an irritating balance of words connected by "or" and by "and."

The only irritating thing in the story is the complexity of relationships alluded to, which makes one (to imitate the style of Mr. Swinburne's dedication) crave and desire an ancestral or genealogical tree or table for purposes of reference and research.

"Love's Cross-Currents." By A. C. Swinburne. Chatto and Windus. 6s.

"THE COUNTRY-SIDE."

No. 9 of this Charming Weekly Periodical Is Now on Sale.

The charming drawings by Mr. J. A. Shepherd, which occupy the front page of "The Country-Side"—representing the encounter of two young peewits and a baby rabbit—are certain to attract attention by their intense, funny character, while we have the testimony of the editor, Mr. E. Kay Robinson, that the drawings are in no sense exaggerated, but are simply life-like portraits.

This explains the secret of the charm of "The Country-Side," No. 9 of which is now on sale. It simply holds up a mirror to Nature, and the charming beauty and humour thus brought before the reader's notice are a perfect revelation to anyone who has not hitherto taken an interest in natural history.

ONE FALSE STEP.

BY HENRY FARMER.

CHARACTERS IN THE STORY.

FRANK CHESTER.—A young man who comes to London after a University career. He is to be given a start in commercial life by the great Vincent Devenish—the chance of a lifetime.

TOM MAYFIELD.—An old schoolfellow of Frank Chester's, heavily in debt.

QUEENIE MAYFIELD.—Tom's sister. An orphan. She has started in business as a florist and table decorator, in which she is succeeding.

MR. DEXTER.—The obsequious, oily cashier in the office of Vincent Devenish.

EVE DAINTREE.—The young widowed daughter of Vincent Devenish, and heir to his wealth.

HESPER MORDAUNT.—Stockbroker, by whom Tom Mayfield is employed.

VINCENT DEVENISH.—Of the Blue Star Line. A commercial and financial magnate.

Frank Chester came to London to have an interview with the great Vincent Devenish, of the Blue Star Line, who had offered him a start in life.

During the interview Devenish is called away for a moment, and Chester catches sight of the bank-notes for £20,000 which Mr. Dexter, the great man's cashier, had left upon the table, done up in parcels of £2,000 each.

Fascinated by the sight of so much money, Chester makes his "one false step"—he takes up one of the parcels of notes to experience the sensation of handling so much money, and before he can replace them Eve Daintree, Devenish's daughter, who is already known to him, enters.

Chester, in his confusion, thrusts the notes into his pocket, and during the whole interview with Mrs. Daintree has no opportunity of returning them.

He is therefore reduced to counting the notes when he leaves Devenish's office, to his friend Tom Mayfield, who suggests a means of returning them.

Mayfield disappears altogether, however, and Chester, who waits in vain for him, is only kept from suicide by Queenie Mayfield, Tom's sister, who persuades him to wait for Tom's return until the morning.

In the morning Dexter, the cashier, appears. He explains that he saw the accidental theft, and offers to lend Chester £2,000 in exchange for an I.O.U. He declares that this will be an excellent investment, since Chester is certain to become his employer, and to marry the daughter of Devenish.

Chester falls into the trap, and thus slings a mill-stone round his neck.

Meanwhile Queenie Mayfield warns him mysteriously against falling into Dexter's snare, and her warning is echoed by Eve Daintree, who confesses her hatred for Dexter when she meets Chester at Devenish's office in the morning.

It soon becomes evident that both Eve Daintree and Queenie Mayfield are falling in love with Chester.

Queenie goes to Devenish House to prepare the table with flowers for a dinner-party, which Chester is to attend.

CHAPTER XII. (continued).

Queenie was hurriedly putting the last touches to her work.

"Oh, never mind about that," said Eve, scarcely troubling to veil her impatience. "That will do. It's all very nice and pretty. I shall be wanting you again the day after to-morrow, Miss Mayfield; but please come in good time."

Queenie winced. She was sensitive, and there was sufficient condescension and reprimand in Eve Daintree's cool voice to prick the girl sharply. She threw up her head rather defiantly as she watched the beautiful woman sweep proudly from the room. There was a suspicion of tears in her eyes as she went, but she had caught the aid of a mirror, and almost savagely drove a hatpin more securely home.

Mr. Braithwaite, the Napoleonic butler, merely glanced a command at the two superb footmen who promptly set about clapping the lids on the boxes in which Queenie had brought the flowers. Chester was the first of the guests to arrive. He was being assisted out of his overcoat when Eve passed into the hall. It seemed to him that, till now, he had never fully realised how beautiful she was. He felt a little dazzled. She riveted his eyes for several seconds, in spite of himself.

She was laughing and saying something to him. Perhaps she read the honest admiration in his eyes, and was pleased. Admiration is a beautiful woman's due.

Chester answered her remark rather inconsequently. Her eyes, her white throat, the smile of welcome on her red lips, the diamonds sparkling in her coronal of dark hair, formed an indescribable tout-ensemble that confused him, and quickened the beat of his pulses.

As they stood together in the warm glow of a great lamp they appeared well-matched. A man in dress clothes either looks like a gentleman or a waiter. Chester looked like a gentleman. He bore himself well and with some air of distinction. Even the footman, who had assisted Chester out of his coat, condescended to glance at them a second time. They were not dwarfed nor rendered insignificant by the solid magnificence of the surroundings.

"It seems to me, Mrs. Daintree," Chester said with a laugh, "that by the time the day's over you will have seen about enough of me."

They were facing each other.

"I should have been most dreadfully disappointed if you could not have come. The people coming to-night are most deadly dull—except Mr. Mordaunt. And he's most objectionable. I think there's nothing more awful than to have to sit down to a formal dinner with people who have nothing whatever in common with one's self."

Chester laughed.

"I see I'm welcome by comparison."

"That's unkind," replied Eve, lightly placing her hand on his sleeve. "You are welcome as an old friend—and an ally!"

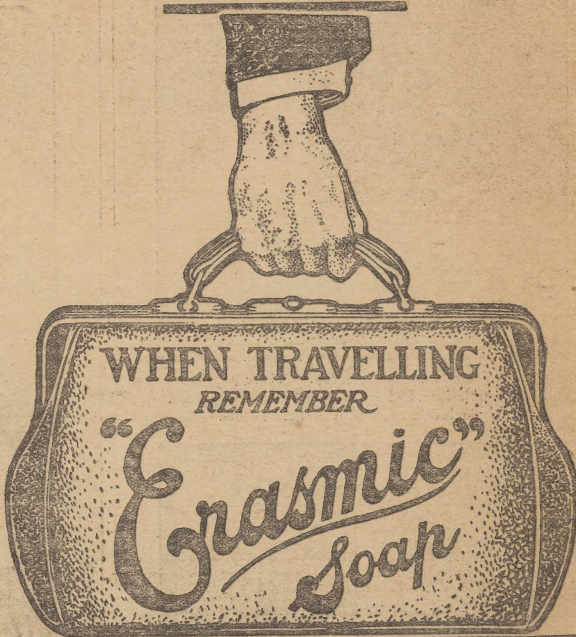
Her touch thrilled him. She was pleading to him eloquently with her magnificent eyes, and quite

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VETERAN VOLUNTEER.



Colonel Sir Howard Vincent, in whose honour a banquet has just been held by the Queen's Westminster Volunteers, which he commanded for twenty years.—(Russell.)

CRICKETER SUNSTROCK.



S. E. Gregory, the Australian cricketer, had to retire at Derby yesterday during the course of the match against Derbyshire, suffering severely from sunstroke.

FAMOUS SINGER'S BENEFIT.



Mile. Bauermeister, one of the most popular singers of Covent Garden, who recently retired. The benefit performance organised for her takes place this afternoon at the Opera House.

BRAIN EXHAUSTION

Nature of the trouble and the right treatment for its cure. Shows how full nerve and brain power is regained by the use of Bishop's Tonules.

There are many sufferers in these days of strain, stress, hurry, and effort. The brain becomes tired, worn-out, and as a consequence mental effort of almost any kind becomes practically impossible. Teachers, composers, journalists, preachers, students, business men, typists, and innumerable others all have at times actual personal experience of this painful condition.

Work has to be done, a cessation of activity is practically impossible, and naturally there is a tendency to take a so-called nerve tonic or stimulant that promises to give relief and power to do a little more work. As a result some general tonic of some kind is used, but does little or nothing to rebuild the exhausted nerves or brain, and if stimulants are taken they are positively injurious and lead to nervous breakdown or collapse.

THE STRAIN OF BUSINESS

There is no room in modern business life for the indolent, dull-brained, or sleepy. Work has to be done at high pressure, and in a live-on-nowadays everyone, from the office boy to the principal, has to move quickly, or be left behind in the race. Hence there are cases of nervous breakdown in every department, and more especially with those on whose brain there is a perpetual strain.



My work's too much for me.

THE TRUE CAUSE OF BRAIN EXHAUSTION

What is really wrong in nervous and brain exhaustion is that the delicate nerve and brain tissue is worn down, and something is urgently needed that will replace the worn-away tissue with new matter and foster its growth.

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A STRIKING LETTER

A. W., New Cross, S.E., writes as follows: "I wish to let you know of the great benefit I have derived from Bishop's Tonules. I had been suffering severely for a long time from nervous and general debility, with anaemia, neuritis, and very poor appetite. None of the remedies recommended to me caused any improvement in my condition, and, in fact, I seemed to grow worse. My lips and face became a livid colour, and when I arose in the morning I felt as though I hadn't the strength to do anything. I decided to try Bishop's Tonules. I began the regular treatment as directed in your leaflet, and can truthfully say that Bishop's Tonules do all you claim for them. My neuritis gradually disappeared, my appetite improved, and by degrees the colour came back to my lips and face, and I arose in the morning much brighter and fresher, having lost that heavy, sleepy feeling. I continued the treatment, my condition improved, and now I am enjoying first-rate health and strength."

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TWO NOTABLE WEDDINGS TAKING PLACE TO-DAY.



Miss Warner Snoad, who is to be married to—



—Mr. W. B. Leach, at Christ Church, Blackheath, to-day.



Mr. Horace Brown, jun., who is to be married to—



—Miss A. E. Williamson, at Kensington.—(Hughes.)

ONE FALSE STEP.

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frankly, as much as to say, "I have faith in you and belief. You will help me, won't you?" Her hand was still lightly resting on his arm when Queenie, followed by a footman, who seemed to resent the load of empty boxes he was carrying in his arms and steadying with his chin, entered the hall.

She quickened her step, hoping to get across to the front door without being noticed.

But, as luck would have it, the superb footman proved his fallibility and humanity by tripping over a rug and coming—as he afterwards expressed himself in the servants' hall—"a most unholty cropper."

Boxes, box-lids, flowers, and the footman, scattered themselves in different directions. Queenie turned with a little cry of dismay. But for the footman's collapse, she might have quitted the house unnoticed.

Queenie was already gathering up scattered flowers and frondage, secretly thankful of something that gave her an opportunity to conceal her embarrassment and a feeling of humiliation, though she was not in the slightest degree responsible. Chester promptly went to her assistance.

"Let me help," he said.

Eve elevated her eyebrows with an expression of cold surprise.

"Don't trouble, Mr. Chester, please," she said carelessly. "The servants will clear all that away. Let's go into the drawing-room."

She was Chester's hostess. He held out his hand to Queenie.

"Good night," he said, and followed Eve.

They had the great reception-room to themselves.

"Do you play?" asked Eve, seating herself at the piano and running her fingers over the keys.

"Vamp a little," answered Chester apologetically.

"Why, of course, I remember at Oxford—do you remember this?"

Eve suggested the refrain of a song on the piano, and struck a chord in the man's heart that brought back memories. They had sung the song in chorus when they rowed back from picnicking at Nuneham.

"What a wonderful night it was," he said in a low voice.

Chester bent over her.

"You will sing that song after dinner, won't you?"

She looked up at him again, still playing, and nodded her head.

"I wish," she said frankly, yet with a note of regret that made the man breathe more quickly, "I only wish that it could be under the old conditions. Would you like to have your life over again, Mr. Chester?"

"I'd give—"

He pulled up sharply. He was thinking now of a certain moment when he was alone in Vincent Devenish's office.

"Why, yes," he added, with a complete change of tone.

But the sudden change from the intense to the commonplace had not been lost on Eve. She was looking at him, with an almost startled expression. She had ceased playing.

"Mr. Mordaunt," announced a footman, flinging wide the door.

Eve rose from the piano, and became the cool, lazily contemptuous woman.

"Oh, go on!" exclaimed Hesper Mordaunt.

"Don't mind me, Mrs. Daintree. Almost feel as if I was interrupting."

"O no—not in the slightest. So glad you've come."

She greeted him, and her greeting, like her speech, was absolutely devoid of any attempt to mask her indifference.

Mordaunt, whatever his private feelings might be, greeted Chester effusively. Circumstances compelled Chester to make himself polite to the man; but he had not forgotten the little episode witnessed in the flower-shop. Unlike Eve Daintree, he had not misunderstood the scene.

Surely it could be only on account of the man's business associations that Vincent Devenish was induced to tolerate him in his private house. Mordaunt was one big offence against good taste. His entrance into the drawing-room was like the striking of a note badly out of tune. His speech to Eve was an insinuation. Yet, though the very sight of him rubbed Chester up the wrong way, he realised the man's strong personality, offensive though it might be.

Eve's attitude of cold indifference vanished on her father's entrance. She glanced at him anxiously.

At lunch that day Chester had been mildly shocked by Mr. Devenish's altered appearance. He seemed altogether different to the Devenish of the previous afternoon. The flesh bagged unhealthily under his weary eyes; the lines on the face were accentuated. There was a certain nervous irritability of manner that indicated disordered, overworked nerves.

"Ah, Mordaunt," he said, with a brusque laugh.

"Your information about 'Aluminiums' was scarcely as good as you made out."

But his indifference, the indifference of a man too proud to admit that he had been hard hit, seemed scarcely real to Chester, who recalled Mordaunt's message into the telephone that morning.

"I come out of the deal worse than you, Devenish," replied the stockbroker; "but we shall get it all back, and with a big margin, over 'Horse-shoes.'"

Eve glanced quickly at Chester. She had a wonderful way of speaking with her eyes.

"Jove," thought Chester, reading her glance. "So Mordaunt is one of the gang."

And Mordaunt and Dexter were close friends. Devenish shrugged his shoulders as though the loss of money was too inconsiderable to trouble him; but it was a pretence. He had been badly hit.

But other guests arrived, and conversation became general. Eve lapsed into the grateful hostess. The dinner proved one of those formal affairs that must be occasionally submitted to by those who have a large circle of acquaintances. Now and again Devenish's brusque yet rather unlearned laugh rang out. Chester could not help but notice how freely he drank. After the retirement of the ladies, Mordaunt struck a jarring note by promptly launching forth into a flagrantly risqué story. He was gross in every respect, and his tongue was loosened by wine.

"I say, old chap," he said, seating himself beside Chester. "How long have you known the little flower-girl, eh? You know—I call her Daisy Dimple. Bit of all right, eh?"

Chester resented being called "old chap" by a man with whom he had scarcely exchanged half a dozen words, and was completely disgusted.

"I've known Miss Mayfield for some years," he said stonily, and, rising very deliberately, seated himself beside an elderly gentleman of business and entered into conversation with him. Mordaunt tossed down a liqueur and glanced at him.

"The sooner Dex clips your wings," he said to himself, "the better, my lad. If you think you're going to come it over me with your high-and-mighty airs, you're mistaken. And keep off the grass, sonny, where that little girl's concerned—keep off the grass! But I reckon Dex has about taken your measure!"

A footman was presenting Vincent Devenish with a glass of water. The shipowner dropped into it a couple of tabloids. Champagne during dinner;

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THE AGE OF SENTIMENT.

WOOINGS CONDUCTED BY MEANS OF BOUQUETS.

The modern florist admits that he knows nothing about the language of flowers. Some sixty years ago and more, when the meaning of flowers was a current language, it was necessary for him to add this knowledge to his horticultural lore, but now it is not.

Mixed and closely-packed bouquets of blossom have long been out of fashion. It is true they were usually not so artistic nor elegant as the modern ones, but how much more sentimental they were!

Bouquets Enshrined in Paper Cases.

The aspiring lover either explained what he wanted to the florist, who was well versed in the language of flowers, and who turned out a neat pyramid of varied blossoms, surrounded by a lace paper ruff, with the stems covered by a fancy holder, or else if he were a really accomplished person, he wandered out into the garden or greenhouse, carefully chose his flowers, culled them, and arranged his nosegay himself, which he afterwards carried or sent by a trusty messenger to the lady of his heart.

If a lover wished to begin cautiously he combined cornflower, cyclamen, and ivy, which meant "It would make me very happy to have your friendship, but I am diffident." If the girl was willing to encourage him she saw to it that a piece of sage fell in his path at some vital moment. It meant, "I esteem you." If she wished to test him she toyed with a spike of larkspur when they met, by which he was intended to understand that she had heard he was fickle.

What the White Rosebud Means.

When the swain's mind was quite made up he sent to the object of his affection a wonderful nosegay made up of a full-blown rose, a white lily, myrtle, columbine, and forget-me-nots, which being interpreted said: "Your beauty and purity have won my love. I am determined to win you and shall be for ever constant."

His adored one might answer him in a number of ways, always in flowers. She could indicate coyly by a white rosebud that her heart was as yet unacquainted with love, or by rosemary that she wished her lover to hold her in remembrance, or by a sprig of pine that he was too bold, or by a striped pink a flat refusal of his suit. Thus speechlessly might rapture or pain be inflicted.

If his sweetheart proved a flirt the youth of those days concocted a flaming yellow reproach for her of marigolds, yellow lilies, and some bits of nettle and hemlock. This declared: "You are a cruel coquette and you will make me die of jealousy." To which the flirt, if she wished to keep the wretched being dangling after her, would sweetly make reply by means of a sprig of mint, "Let us be friends again."

A BOY'S HEALTH LEAGUE.

Typical of the quickening of the public mind towards physical education and improvement is the rapid success of the new Boys' League of Health and Strength promoted by the editor of the "Boys' Herald."

Though only inaugurated during the past fortnight, this association already boasts a membership of several thousands of working lads. The badge of the league is a five-pointed star, symbolical of the five rules to be observed by its members, viz.: "No smoking, no drinking, no swearing, no gambling, and no evil habits."

ONE FALSE STEP.

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now bromide of potassium. In the morning a pick-me-up. But a man cannot do this sort of thing with impunity. The outside world had not yet recognised the fact. Neither the man nor his business flourished as of old, and the jackals were already gathering round the once strong man.

When Queenie quitted Devenish House she entered a hansom and drove with her boxes to The Fernery, feeling exceedingly miserable, a little indignant, and conscious of a great sense of loneliness. She very nearly cried. She felt—to put it colloquially—very much out of it, somehow. For the time being her brother occupied no place in her thoughts. The great dread that had been haunting her was removed when Chester returned from his visit to the mortuary. There was room for other thoughts now.

The Fernery was closed and shuttered; but Pollie Peyton was on the premises awaiting Queenie's return.

She was a strong, comforting sort of young woman, Pollie Peyton; but though they were close friends it was impossible for Queenie to confide in herself. She could only explain partially, telling Pollie that she was very much worried about her brother, who had been summarily dismissed by

Mordaunt, and had left London without saying where he was going.

"Gone!" whispered Pollie, with a little catch in her voice.

"Yes," replied Queenie, avoiding her friend's eyes. "And you know, Pollie, I—I'm afraid he owed a lot of money."

Perhaps Pollie was thankful that Queenie was not looking at her.

CHAPTER XII.

The first grey tinge of dawn saw belated pleasure dragging its weary footsteps homeward, and labour, in the shape of working men with tin cans and wicker baskets slung over their shoulders, setting forth on its daily task.

It was the morning after Tom Mayfield's disappearance.

A little grey tinge of dawn saw belated pleasure dragging its weary footsteps homeward, and labour, in the shape of working men with tin cans and wicker baskets slung over their shoulders, setting forth on its daily task.

Some climbed up to on perilous walls and set about them with mighty hammers and picks. Rubble and brick cascaded down.

One of these men, standing on the brink of a cavity in the ground, was just about to turn it into a spittoon when something indistinct, stretched among the rubbish below, caught his eye.

He peered down.

"Struth, mates!" he ejaculated. "That's a bloke down there!"

When he reached the bottom a man, smothered in dust and with a red clot plastered over his face, was slowly gathering himself up into a sitting position.

"Why, mate!" cried the man, dropping on his knees and putting an arm round the strange figure, "how did it happen?" Then, to those above: "Some of yer nip down and lend a hand."

Tom Mayfield drew a hand dazedly across his eyes.

"Where am I?" he muttered.

"Jest orf the Strand. But 'ow did you come down 'ere, mate?"

Again Mayfield drew a hand across his eyes.

"Strand?" he muttered. "Strand? Where's that?"

The workman turned to the others gathered round.

"Stranger to London," he whispered in a low voice. "Cove from the country."

Again Mayfield made the same curious action with his hand.

"Who am I?" he asked.

(To be continued.)



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Longford Lead	2	1	0	Longford Lead	2	1	0
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at Voz Saint	3	7	8	at Voz Saint	3	7	8

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SPECUATION SELLING PLATE OF 150 SOVS. Six furlongs.

	Yrs	St	Lb	Country Girl	Yrs	St	Lb
at Voz Saint	6	8	3	at Voz Saint	6	8	3
Longford Lead	2	1	0	Longford Lead	2	1	0
at Voz Saint	3	7	10	at Voz Saint	3	7	10
at Voz Saint	3	7	8	at Voz Saint	3	7	8
at Voz Saint	3	7	8	at Voz Saint	3	7	8

TRIAL HANDICAP PLATE OF 100 SOVS. Five furlongs.

	Yrs	St	Lb	Country Girl	Yrs	St	Lb
at Voz Saint	6	8	3	at Voz Saint	6	8	3
Longford Lead	2	1	0	Longford Lead	2	1	0
at Voz Saint	3	7	10	at Voz Saint	3	7	10
at Voz Saint	3	7	8	at Voz Saint	3	7	8
at Voz Saint	3	7	8	at Voz Saint	3	7	8

CASTLE PLATE OF 100 SOVS. One mile and a furlong.

	Yrs	St	Lb	Country Girl	Yrs	St	Lb
at Voz Saint	6	8	3	at Voz Saint	6	8	3
Longford Lead	2	1	0	Longford Lead	2	1	0
at Voz Saint	3	7	10	at Voz Saint	3	7	10
at Voz Saint	3	7	8	at Voz Saint	3	7	8
at Voz Saint	3	7	8	at Voz Saint	3	7	8

YORKSHIRE SELLING HANDICAP PLATE OF 150 SOVS. One mile and a furlong.

	Yrs	St	Lb	Country Girl	Yrs	St	Lb
at Voz Saint	6	8	3	at Voz Saint	6	8	3
Longford Lead	2	1	0	Longford Lead	2	1	0
at Voz Saint	3	7	10	at Voz Saint	3	7	10
at Voz Saint	3	7	8	at Voz Saint	3	7	8
at Voz Saint	3	7	8	at Voz Saint	3	7	8

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	Yrs	St	Lb	Country Girl	Yrs	St	Lb
at Voz Saint	6	8	3	at Voz Saint	6	8	3
Longford Lead	2	1	0	Longford Lead	2	1	0
at Voz Saint	3	7	10	at Voz Saint	3	7	10
at Voz Saint	3	7	8	at Voz Saint	3	7	8
at Voz Saint	3	7	8	at Voz Saint	3	7	8

GREAT WEST RIDING HANDICAP PLATE OF 300 SOVS. One mile and a half.

	Yrs	St	Lb	Country Girl	Yrs	St	Lb
at Voz Saint	6	8	3	at Voz Saint	6	8	3
Longford Lead	2	1	0	Longford Lead	2	1	0
at Voz Saint	3	7	10	at Voz Saint	3	7	10
at Voz Saint	3	7	8	at Voz Saint	3	7	8
at Voz Saint	3	7	8	at Voz Saint	3	7	8

LATEST SCRATCHINGS.

Eclipse Stakes, Sandown.—John o' Gaunt.
Rugby Plate, Birmingham.—Cortons.
Pontefract and Redcar engagements.—Gessipike.
All published handicaps at Lingfield.—All Mr. J. C. Brown's horses.
Ross, Welter, Hamilton.—Don Pace.
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Haydock engagements.—Chiverna and Ordeley.
All engagements this year.—The Swagman.

TRIAL AT NEWMARKET.

P. Leach's Florida II, filly (R. Jones), 1; Bassettlaw filly (H. Jones), 2; Ozerai filly, 3. Five furlongs. Won by two lengths; a bad trial.

THE GREAT GOLF MATCH.

The following dates and venues have been selected for the international foursome for 1905, in which J. H. Taylor and Harry Vardon (England) will oppose James Braid and Alexander Herd (Scotland). First 36 holes: At Deal, on August 2. Second 36 holes: At St. Andrews, on August 9. Third 36 holes: At Anne's, on August 16. Fourth 36 holes: At Sunningdale, on August 23.

The selection of these greens is, of course, subject to the approval of the clubs concerned.

AUSTRALIANS' BAD LUCK.

Two mishaps have befallen the Australian cricketers this week. Hopkins has cut his little finger so severely with a broken tumbler that he was unable to take the field yesterday against Derbyshire.

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